Remarks

Contrary to the Office Action Summary page, section 4 of the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, Claims 1-2 and 11-25 are currently pending in the Application.

Telephone conference

Applicants thanks the Examiner for the many courtesies extended during the telephone conferences of October 12, 2005 and November 16, 2005. The Examiner is further thanked for excepting and reviewing proposed claim amendments submitted on October 12, 2005. During the telephone conference of November 16, 2005 the Examiner agreed that the claims amendments presented herein overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection presented by the Examiner in the final Office Action dated September 29, 2005.

Claim amendments

This response amends Claims 1, 11 and 19 to clarify the scope of the invention. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in Figures 2 and 4. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, rejection

Claims 1, 11 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner asserts that Claims 1, 11 and 19 are drawn to a disclosure/specification not found as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's allegations, however, in the interest of moving this application to issue, Applicants have amended Claim 1, 11 and 19 as suggested by the Examiner, expressly reserving the right to present these or any other rejected claims or claims directed to other disclosed subject matter in a future divisional or continuation application.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any other issues requiring resolution.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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